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## TOWN COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY NIGHT.

Many Resolutions for Improvements Acted Upon—Several Citizens Address the Council—Important Business Transacted.

Valentine Noll of Arlington avenue filed an objection at the Town Council meeting Monday night against the confirmation of the final report of the Board of Assessors in the matter of Hoffman boulevard opening, and the report was laid over for further consideration.

Isaac Samuels wrote a letter to the council relative to the resolution for a concrete sidewalk on Prospect street, between Carteret and Wilford streets. Mr. Samuels said that he had contracted with a private party to lay a concrete walk in front of his property in the block named in the resolution, and he could not get a release from his contract.

On motion of Mr. Albion, Mr. Samuels was granted a permit to put down his walk as per contract, and the resolution was referred to the ordinance committee to prepare an ordinance.

Mr. Murray said that it should be distinctly understood that the town assumed no responsibility for sidewalks put down under private contract.

A similar request to that of Mr. Samuels was one of H. Francis Cooper to put down a concrete walk by private contract on the northerly side of Maolis avenue, from Ashland avenue to the Glen Ridge line, and the official resolution ordering the walk put down was rescinded.

Albert Loppacker of this town and Mrs. Martha A. Smith of Belleville, filed objections against the resolution for the paving of Glenwood avenue, on the ground that it was an unnecessary expense to incur. As the objectors only represented 170 lineal feet of frontage out of a total of 1,400 feet, the resolution was referred to the ordinance committee to prepare the necessary ordinance.

No objections were made to the resolutions for concrete walk on Cedar street and Weaver avenue and telford pavement on Delaware avenue and the grading of Lake street from Crown street to Roosevelt avenue.

Mr. Albion of the sidewalk committee reported that he had made a satisfactory adjustment of the objections in Lake street and the resolution was referred to the ordinance committee.

Cornelius Van Gieson of Brookside place, appeared before the council and stated a number of grievances that afflicted the residents of that street, the chief of which was the flooding of the street from near-by storm water drains. Mayor Hauser assured Mr. Van Gieson that the matter complained about would receive official attention.

William H. Hayes of Thomas street, asked the council if any action had been taken on his request for an amendment to the dog ordinance. Mr. Hayes volunteered to pay any expense attached to making the proposed change in the ordinance.

R. T. Cadmus of Linden avenue wanted to know why it was that the arches of the Glenwood avenue railroad bridge were not lighted at night. The wiring and other work preparatory to placing the lamps, Mr. Cadmus said, had been done, but there was no light.

Mr. Albion of the street lighting committee said that the delay in placing the lamps was in part due to the attitude of the Public Service Lighting Company in regard to furnishing the light. The company wanted the current used in the bridge lights measured by meter, and the lighting committee would not agree to it. The town, Mr. Albion said, had a costly experience with metered lights at the Centre and did not want any more of it. He was in hopes that a satisfactory arrangement would soon be made with the lighting company and lamps placed in the bridge arches. Another complaint cited by Mr. Cadmus related to the flow of water on the sidewalk under the railroad bridge. Mayor Hauser said that was a matter that would be cared for when Glenwood avenue was paved under the bridge, which would be very shortly.

Mr. Murray of the finance committee submitted the monthly reports of the town treasurer and tax collector. On motion of Mr. Murray \$1,000 was appropriated to the Board of Health account. An amended copy of the auditors' report was submitted by Mr. Murray, and at the mayor's request a discussion of the report was deferred until all the members of the council were familiar with its contents.

Mr. Albion submitted a petition for lights in Pulaski street, and was authorized to place a new light in Ella street.

On motion of Mr. Hummel the additional free telephone that the town is entitled to, was ordered placed in the home of Superintendent of Public Works Frederick B. Stimus.

Mr. Hummel reported that General E. W. Hines, secretary of the Public Service Corporation, had requested a conference with the railroad and transportation committee of the council. Mr. Hummel said he did not know what General Hines wanted to confer about, but he supposed that it might be about a renewal of negotiations over the Glen-

wood avenue double track. Mr. Albion submitted a request from William Moenke for the change of location of the water connection to his home from Maolis avenue to Peloubet street. Mr. Moenke paid for the Maolis avenue connection and as that street has been declared illegal he wants the transfer to Peloubet street made free of charge to him, and which Mr. Albion regarded as a proper and just request. The matter was referred to the water committee.

### Borough Fire Commission.

The borough of Glen Ridge is travelling in big company just now, and is right in the van of municipalities in adopting modern facilities and improvements for the benefit and welfare of its citizens. It controls its own water system, has imported trained Belgian hounds for police service, automobile fire trucks to answer alarms and extinguish fires, together with other up-to-date improvements.

On Thursday evening a fire commission was organized for the purpose of studying the requirements and needs of the borough for better fire protection. The commission consists of the superintendent of buildings, the chief and first and second assistant chiefs of the fire department, and the chairman of the fire committee of the borough council. Councilman Talbot Root was elected chairman and R. R. Williams, Jr., secretary.

The fire commission is a member of the National Fire Protective Association, and was notified by letter from that body that Glen Ridge and New York city are the first municipalities in the East to put in force the rules of that organization relative to fire protection.

The board of Education has invited Chief Engineer John A. Brown to address the school pupils, with the object of eventually having studies on fire protection incorporated in the school curriculum. This system has been in force in several of the Western States for some time, but it is new in the East, and is being considered in many of the principal cities and municipalities.

The commission is as follows, and its membership is by virtue of the borough office and during its term only:

Talbot Root, chairman of the fire committee of the borough council; Chief Engineer John A. Brown, First Assistant Chief Engineer R. R. Williams, Jr., Second Assistant Chief Engineer William C. Wechsler and Building Inspector Robert C. Morse.

A reception in honor of the recent marriage of Miss Libbie Mishell of this town, and Mr. Louis Galerson of New York, was given by Mrs. Yetta Mishell, mother of the bride, at her home, 49 Maolis avenue, Sunday night, to more than one hundred guests from Manhattan, Newark and other places.

Mrs. Mishell was assisted in receiving by her daughter, Miss Sophie Mishell of this town, and Mrs. Harry Garlock of New York and Miss Jessie Garlock, also of New York.

Musical selections were rendered by John Garlock of New York on the piano, and contralto solos were given by Miss Beattie Shadler and baritone solos by Boray Mishell, both of New York.

In addition to the invited guests there were present the nine children of Mrs. Mishell and twenty grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Galerson were the recipients of many floral gifts.

### Death of Mrs. Andem.

Following a long illness, Mrs. James L. Andem of 31 Madison avenue, Montclair, died at her home Tuesday, Mrs. Andem was born in 1844. She was before her marriage Miss Grace Ethel Rombard, daughter of Loring L. Rombard, a Boston merchant, who died a year ago. Besides her husband, Mrs. Andem leaves six daughters and two sons, all of Montclair and vicinity, with the exception of Herbert W. Andem, a civil engineer of Porto Rico.

Mrs. Andem had resided in Montclair three years, having removed to that town from here, where she had lived for seven years. The family formerly lived in New York. Mrs. Andem was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were held at her late home Thursday afternoon. Rev. Dr. George L. Curtis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

### A Good Word.

A tribute to the educational facilities of the town was paid by a stranger who in conversation with a policeman said he was looking for a house here as he had been informed by a party who once taught in the schools here that Bloomfield was the best place in his experience as a teacher, to educate children, and as he had three children to be educated he wanted to locate here.

### Police Telephone Alarm.

Chairman Sadler of the Police committee reported to the Town Council Monday night that before any estimates could be given of the cost of installing a police telephone alarm system, the number of boxes required and their proposed location would have to be determined upon so that bidders would determine how much wire would have to be used.

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## ORANGE STREET MATTER.

Commissioners of Assessment Make a Preliminary Report—Nearly Five Hundred Property Owners Assessed—Public Hearing on May 20.

The preliminary report of the commissioners of assessments, William R. Raab, Robert D. Rawson and Samuel Westervelt, on the petition for the laying out, opening, straightening, extending and widening of Orange street was submitted to the Town Council on Monday night and Monday evening, May 20, was the date fixed for hearing objections to the assessments levied by the commissioners.

In the extent of territory covered and the number of property owners assessed the report is one of the most voluminous ever submitted for a proposed improvement.

Four hundred and seventy-eight separate assessments appear in the report, and varying in amounts from five hundred dollars down to two dollars and fifty cents. John Sollers and the estate of Gottfried Kurtz are assessed five hundred dollars each.

The streets affected by the assessment are Arlington avenue from Watessing avenue to the East Orange line, Clearfield avenue, Watessing avenue to the Job Haines Home property, Grace street, Ella street, Delaware avenue, Charles street, Cross street, Orange street to a point 105 feet northerly from Hill street, Peloubet street, Dodd street, Lawrence street, Harlow street, Hinrich place, Olive street, Myrtle street, Willow street, Locust avenue and Nelson place.

The object of this improvement is to widen Orange street, from a point beginning at the intersection of the north-easterly side of Watessing avenue with the southeasterly side of Orange street, thence running easterly along Watessing avenue to the Lackawanna railroad 58 feet, thence along the railroad northerly 89 feet to the intersection of Orange street, thence southerly along Orange street 92 feet 6 inches to Watessing avenue. The description covers a small triangular plot of property owned by Michael Winters, the Orange brewer, and is entirely covered by a building in which John McCarthy conducts a saloon.

The commissioners allow Mr. Winters \$12,700 for his property and there is a damage assessment due him of \$2,400 for the Orange street change of grade.

The petition asking for the improvement was submitted in October, 1911, and Fred C. Anthon shortly after submitted a petition for a sewer.

Mayor Hauser informed him that his objections were premature and that the council would receive no more of them until the report was before the council for consideration.

The petition asking for the widening of Orange street was signed by about forty property owners, some of whom, like John Sollers, are among those who bear the heaviest assessment.

It is claimed that the proposed improvement will be of great importance to Watessing Centre and will add much to a satisfactory perfection of the railroad improvement there.

It has been represented that Michael Winters will sell his property and has fixed a price, and a condition of the agreement to sell is that he shall be given a transfer of license to some other equally good business point at Watessing Centre.

### See America.

"See America" is the title of three lectures in Jarvie Memorial Hall on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings, April 21, 22 and 24.

These lectures, under the auspices of the Men's Club of the Westminster Church, are given by the Rev. Delos Edwin Finks who is working under the direction of the Board of Home Missions. There will be no admission fee, but a collection will be taken.

There will be one hundred superbly colored views shown at each lecture.

"Southern Mountains" is the title of Sunday evening's lecture, and will treat of novel scenes in the Southland. "Forgotten People," "Cabin Homes" and "Moonshiners' Camps."

"Strange People" will be the subject of the Monday evening lecture, and the lecturer will tell of Indians, Mexicans and Mormons. What they are and how they live. The illustrations will show the grandest scenery on the continent. "Alaska and Its Gold" will be the theme Wednesday night. It is a land full of wonders. Immense glaciers, towering mountains, curious customs and natives and Esquimaux.

### Maxfield-Erff.

The wedding of Miss Gertrude Erff, daughter of Dr. George Erff, and Thomas Oakes Maxfield took place at the home of the bride, 209 Ninety-seventh street, New York, at noon Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles Norris. On account of the recent death of the bridegroom's father, only the immediate members of both families were present.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Florence Burnett of New York, as matron of honor. Frederick Berstcher acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Maxfield will reside in New York after a wedding trip.

Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon Chiroprapist, treats all feet ailments. Office room No. 3 Trust Company building.—Adv.

## WALNUT STREET LIGHT.

Vigorous Protest Made to the Town Council Monday Night—Property Owners' Consent Not Obtained—Light and Pole Ordered Taken from the Street.

Lawyer H. M. Reed of Nutley appeared before the Town Council Monday night as counsel for a number of Walnut terrace property owners. Mr. Reed said that his clients, Mrs. Christina Flannery and Mrs. Klem, believed that they had been unfairly treated in the matter of placing an electric light and a pole in that street by Public Service Corporation employees, and he read the following protest against the light and pole:

"We the undersigned property owners and residents of the town of Bloomfield, in Walnut terrace and its vicinity in the town, take this method of protesting against the maintenance of the recently erected electric light pole and the new electric light placed upon said street, and request and demand that said pole and light be removed forthwith, and therefore request the Town Council of said town of Bloomfield to compel the lighting company to remove the same." Signed: Mrs. Christina C. Flannery, John V. Klem, Thomas T. Cogan, Mrs. H. Weeks, Daniel Grundy, F. Wessells, Mrs. B. Lally, John A. Honan.

The light was not wanted in the street, Mr. Reed said, and the object sought in placing it there was to supply private lighting to the residence of A. R. Johnson in the street, but Mr. Johnson, Mr. Reed said, could have obtained his lighting in another way.

The request made to the council to put a light in the street, Mr. Reed claimed, was merely a subterfuge for the Public Service people to get in the private lighting.

The pole, he said, was placed in the road and it was the work done under the authority of a permit from the Town Council to place the light. The council, Mr. Reed claimed, could not give a permit to place a pole in front of a person's property without the owner's consent.

Mayor Hauser informed Mr. Reed that the council was innocent of causing any trouble in the matter. The petition for the light in the street came before the council in the regular way and was, like many similar petitions, referred to the lighting committee with power, and the light ordered placed.

Mr. Reed, in the course of his remarks, said that he had appeared at the council, not to protect the property owners in their rights, the policeman appeared to think it his duty to protect the Public Service employees.

Mayor Hauser promptly resented the imputation against the police made by Mr. Reed, and claimed that the police did not show partiality towards the Public Service Corporation as against citizens of the town.

Town Attorney Kocher made a statement to the council in regard to the instruction he had given the police department in this matter. To place a pole without the property owners' consent was a trespass, was the advice he had given the police, Mr. Kocher said, and it was a duty of the officer to prevent a trespass. If a property owners' consent had been obtained and a permit given by the Town Council, it was the officers' duty to see to it that the work of placing the pole was not interfered with.

Michael N. Higgins said that while the trouble was going on he was appealed to by one of the parties interested, and he had advised that no pole could be placed without consent.

Mr. Albion of the street lighting committee made a motion that in view of the fact that a majority of the residents of Walnut terrace had filed objections in writing to the placing of the light in that street, the council have the pole and the light removed from the street.

Mr. Johnson made a statement giving his version of the trouble. He said the domination of the street by one woman was the cause of it. He claimed that he had resorted to no subterfuge to get light in his house. He requested that the pole in the street in front of his place be left there.

Mr. Murray said that personal factors in the matter were not for consideration by the council, and he suggested that the lighting committee take up with the Public Service Corporation the matter of getting current in the street, so that Mr. Johnson or any other resident of the street that wanted to get electric light in their houses could do so.

Mr. Albion said that he would do so.

### Alpha Social Club.

The Alpha Social Club, composed of Bloomfield teachers and their friends, have arranged for an entertainment and dance to be held in Central Hall next Wednesday evening. The Bloomfield High School Orchestra will play, under direction of P. J. Smith. Mr. Charles R. Taggart from Vermont, will be the chief entertainer, assisted by Mr. William F. Lambert, Elliott Dafter and Miss Renard.

Burglar and Fire Proof Vault. We have complete facilities for the storage of valuables. Safely Bored at \$4.00 per annum and upwards. The Bloomfield National Bank.—Adv.

## Mr. Blank's Story.

Henry Blank, one of the passengers on the wrecked White Star liner Titanic is safe at his home in Glen Ridge.

Mr. Blank was enjoying a cigar in the smoking-room in the stern on the main deck when there came a jar. The shock was very slight so far aft and no one paid much attention to the incident. He said he had felt worse jars to the ship when her propeller had jumped out of the water.

"I stepped out of the smoking-room to the main deck, a distance of but a few feet," said Mr. Blank. "Only a few people were there, but a few others came up later. I started down to see what had happened and when I got to the third deck, two decks below, I discovered that water was rushing in. It was then up to my ankles on the third deck.

"I hurried to my stateroom on the deck above and got a few of my valuables, but not much. When I got to the main deck again they were beginning to lower the boats. Every woman and child in sight was ordered into the boats. But there were not enough there to fill the boats and in that way some of the men got a chance for their lives.

Two sailors were placed in charge of each boat and then eight oarsmen were picked out from the passengers. I was given a place in one of the boats. Ours must have been one of the first boats over. But the water was inky black and we could not tell whether other boats had preceded us or not."

"For five or six hours we were in suspense, and then we saw the Carpathia. It was an hour after we sighted her before we were taken on board. As we approached she threw open her ports and lowered rope ladders. In this way she took in the occupants of two or three boats at a time.

"On the Carpathia we were treated with the utmost kindness. The women got places in the staterooms, but we men bunked in the smoking-room and on the decks. I didn't have my clothes off from Sunday night until I got home Thursday night.

"It was the general belief on the Carpathia that we were the only survivors. We know that other boats were in the vicinity, but were pretty well convinced that they could have made no rescues."

Mr. Blank was met at the Cunard pier by Mr. Davidson, a Glen Ridge neighbor, who conducted him to the Hotel Seville, where Mrs. Blank was waiting. They returned home Thursday night. Although Mr. Blank was in no better condition than he was at the time of the disaster, he was in no better condition than he was at the time of the disaster.

## Borough Council.

The Glen Ridge Borough Council Monday night adopted a resolution offered by Councilman Ames, chairman of the finance committee, inviting bids on bonds of \$44,000 for the purchase of the property and franchise of the Orange Water Company within the borough. The bonds, to be of \$1,000 each, will bear interest of 4% per cent. Bids will be opened at the next meeting of the council April 29.

It is understood that tentative organization of a water department for the borough will be offered at once and that the department will be in a position to assume charge of the water business May 1.

Councilman Best submitted a list of the streets to be oiled during the year. He also asked to have Bloomfield avenue, a county thoroughfare, included. He said he would have to get permission from the freeholders as to the highway named.

A number of property owners requested some arrangement for oiling the streets in front of their property from the macadam to the curb line. It was decided that anyone may have it done at cost by application to council.

## Pleasant Place to Wed.

While motoring to Montclair from New York, Miss Lillian McCamy Yow, daughter of E. Morris Yow of Atlanta, Ga., and A. Claude Weller, of New York, were much impressed with the features of Christ Episcopal Church of this town, and decided to be wedded there.

It was the latter part of last week when the trip to Montclair occurred, and Tuesday the couple, with twenty of their relatives and friends, arrived at the church in automobiles. Rev. Edwin A. White, rector of the church, officiated at the wedding.

It was while Miss Yow was on a visit to New York that she met Mr. Weller. This was a fortnight ago.

At the ceremony was the bride's father and the bridegroom's mother. After a dinner in Montclair the bridal pair started on a motoring trip.

## Strike Leaders Through.

Leaders of the International Hod Carriers' and Laborers' Union of America, which conducted the strike in Montclair, say that no further efforts will be made to enforce recognition of the organization. Practically all the contractors, it is said, have agreed to pay \$1.80 for a day of eight hours.

## Held on Overseers' Charge.

On a charge made by Overseer of the Poor Adam Lind, William Lee, colored, was arrested Wednesday afternoon and locked up in the police station, pending a \$200 bond. Policeman Walter O'Neill arrested Lee on a warrant issued by Recorder Cadmus.

## TO JOIN TRUNK SEWER.

OFFICIAL REQUEST ORDERED SENT TO SEWERAGE COMMISSION.

Chairman Sadler of Sewer Committee Advised Such Action—Mayor Hauser Makes Denial of Rumors—The Mayor's Work at Trenton.

Councilman Frederick Sadler, chairman of the sewer committee, made a motion at the council meeting Monday night to the effect that the Town Council make application to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission for the privilege of joining with the other municipalities that have joined the Passaic valley trunk sewer compact. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Speaking on his motion, Mr. Sadler said that there would be no use going before the commissioners with any proposition unless it was submitted in official form.

While the commissioners, Mr. Sadler said, had always treated the members of the council with due courtesy whenever they had appeared at any of the commission's meetings, yet the commissioners had decidedly stated that nothing but an official proposition would be acted upon by them in their official capacity.

The motion adopted Monday night will have added to it the proviso that this town is ready to sign the contract on the basis of the ratables of 1907, and that if in the future any concessions from that basis of ratables is made to any other municipality the concession is to apply to this town.

Mr. Sadler said that he saw no prospect of passing the Beard bill over Governor Wilson's veto, and in his opinion the next best step to take was to sign the trunk sewer contract, and prepare for another fight against the Imhoff scheme in the next session of the Legislature.

After disposing of Mr. Sadler's motion, Mayor Hauser said that he desired to make a statement that related to Mr. Sadler and himself. It has been rumored, the mayor said, that if he and Mr. Sadler had assumed a different attitude in the joint meetings of representatives of Orange, East Orange and Montclair, the Imhoff project would not have progressed as far as it did and the implication had been given out that the mayor of this town had encouraged it.

There was no truth at all, the mayor said, in any such rumors, and from the very start of the project he opposed its location in this town, and had worked against it ever since.

Mr. Sadler also made emphatic denial that he had in any way, did or said anything that could be construed to even imply that he favored the Imhoff project.

Mayor Hauser gave the council an account of the work he had done at Trenton on Thursday, April 11, in an endeavor to get the Beard bill passed over the governor's veto. The difficulty, the mayor said, was in the Senate. He got six senatorial votes that could be relied upon to vote to pass the bill over the veto, and two more senatorial votes that might possibly be cast that way, but not positively.

## Call for Sewer Bids.

The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission at a meeting Tuesday afternoon authorized the advertising for bids for construction work on the trunk sewer. The bids will be opened on Tuesday afternoon, May 14.

The work to be covered in the first contract is for what is known as section 15 of the big sewer and is located in Passaic and Aquaknonk township. The first opening will extend for a distance of about 7,270 feet, beginning at Hope avenue and Washington place, in Passaic.

As to the probable effect this move by the commission will have on the recalcitrant municipalities who have refused to pay their instalments to the construction fund, is problematical. The city of Paterson only a few days ago went on record as being opposed to making any further contributions until the actual work of digging the sewer was begun.

## Beta Theta.

The regular meeting of the Beta Theta Fraternity was held at the home of George Caffrey on Friday evening last, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, F. Halsey Storm; vice-president, Arnold Mix; secretary and treasurer, Robert E. Goggin.

At the meeting it was decided to hold a shirtwaist dance on Friday evening, May 24, at Central Hall. The fraternity hopes to make this dance its most successful one. Charles Peterson was elected chairman of the committee, with Halsey Storm and Raymond Gals as assistants.

The fraternity also decided to take part in the centennial celebration to be held in June. John Dale, Graham Johnstone, Harold Kyte, George Caffrey and Charles Peterson were elected a committee to make arrangements.

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